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SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES ALLARD'S SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK BILL

ACTION CLEARS WAY FOR SENATE APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION

Washington, D.C. – The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday unanimously passed legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) that if enacted would make the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, located in the San Luis Valley, Colorado's newest national park.

"Today's action by the Senate Energy Committee is great news," Allard said following the hearing. "Our full attention will now turn to getting this bill approved by the full Senate and over to the House as quickly as possible."

Allard said that he will be in contact with Majority Leader Trent Lott to schedule a vote on his legislation.

"Our remaining time is short," added Allard. "In order to get this legislation passed this session of Congress, we are going to need to act expeditiously. I will be visiting with Senate Majority Leader Lott in a effort to try and schedule a Senate vote on my bill as quickly as possible."

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